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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the reference listed on the attached Form PTO-1449.

The reference listed on attached Form PTO-1449 and submitted herewith was cited in an Office Action mailed July 11, 2006 in corresponding Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-183754.

Each item of information contained herein was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

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be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that this reference be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(d)(2), the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the requisite \$180 fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17(p) to Deposit Account 19-4293.

Respectfully submitted,

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